

NATIONAL NEWS

- **Power ministry RK Singh may make 24 degrees celsius as default setting for air conditioners**, this will benefit of consumers both from financial and their health points of view.
- **Cabinet Approves Capital Infusion of Rs.2000 crore in Export Credit Guarantee Corporation Ltd**, for strengthening of Export Credit Guarantee Corporation (ECGC).
- **The 4th National Review and Consultation on Swachh Iconic Places to review the progress of maintaining and cleaning the Iconic Places, began in Hyderabad.**
- **The Govt. launched mobile application “ReUnite” in New Delhi to track and trace missing and abandoned children in India.**
- **The government of India announced country’s first e-waste recycling unit will come up in Bengaluru, Karnataka.**
- **India to Host International Union of Food Science and Technology 2018** and the theme is 25 Billion Meals a Day by 2025 with Healthy, Nutritious, Safe and Diverse Foods.
- **India’s first e-waste recycling unit to come up in Bengaluru.**
- **India to Operate 'World’s Emptiest Airport' The Mattala Rajapaksa International Airport (MRIA) in Sri Lanka.**
- **Central Reserve Police Force launches 24 hour ‘Madadgaar helpline’ for the people of Jammu and Kashmir.**
- **Aadhar enabled e-PAN card service launched by Income Tax Department for individuals seeking PAN (Permanent Account Number) service.**
- **Agartala Airport to be named after Maharaja Bir Bikram Manikya Kishore, the erstwhile ruler of Tripura.**
- **Union Ministry of Human Resource Development (HRD) Prakash Javadekar has announced that, Joint Entrance Examination (JEE) (Main) and National Eligibility and Entrance Test (NEET), will be held twice a year and over multiple days.**

- **Union Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA), Hardeep Singh Puri** was launched Global Housing Construction Technology Challenge **as part of technology submission of Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana-Urban (PMAY-U) for accelerating PMAY-U's target of providing 'housing for all' scheme.**
- **For improving public health and combat lifestyle diseases,** the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) has launched **national campaign 'The Eat Right Movement'.**
- **World's largest mobile manufacturing factory of Samsung to be inaugurated in Noida**
- **Indian Railways** has launched its **first consolidated Bridge Management System (IR-BMS).**
- The **Ministry of Mines Narendra Singh Tomar,** organized the **4th National Conclave on Mines & Minerals at Indore, Madhya Pradesh.**
- The **Indian Institute of Technology (IIT)-Madras** has commissioned a **remotely operable Local Electrode Atom Probe (LEAP) microscope, which is world's first remotely operable LEAP microscope.**
- The **foundation stone of country's first skill training institute** was laid by **Union Minister for Skill Development and Entrepreneurship Dharmendra Pradhan, in Bhubaneswar, Odisha.**
- **Minister for Science and Technology Harsh Vardhan** has **unveiled the first of a kind Air Quality and Weather Forecast System, SAFAR at Chandni Chowk in New Delhi.**
- **National Green Tribunal** formed a monitoring committee for **cleaning of the Yamuna River, headed by A K Goel, Chairperson of National Green Tribunal (NGT)**
- **Health Ministry** Launches **National Viral Hepatitis Control Programme** aimed at **eliminating the deadly condition by 2030.**
- **To Check Mob Lynching, Government Sets Up High Level Committee** chaired by the **Union Home Secretary Rajiv Gauba.**
- **Government Reduced Minimum Annual Deposit from Rs 1000 to Rs 250, Under Sukanya Samriddhi Scheme** for enabling more people to take advantage of the **girl child savings scheme.**

- Coal India Ltd's (CIL)'s former chairman Partha Sarathi Bhattacharyya wrote the book "When Coal Turned Gold: The Making of a Maharatna Company".
- Gujarat government launches Suryashakti Kisan Yojana (SKY) for farmers to generate electricity for their captive consumption as well as sell the surplus power to the grid.
- The Odisha government decided to raise the health cover from Rs 5 lakh to Rs 7 lakh for women under Biju Swasthya Kalyan Yojana (BSKY).
- Gujarat Government has granted religious minority status to Jews living in the state, and with this step Gujarat has become the third state in India to grant religious minority status to Jews after West Bengal and Maharashtra.
- World's first and cheapest clean drinking water project launched in Darbhanga, Bihar.
- 69th Van Mahotsava inaugurated by Himachal Pradesh Governor.
- Climate change is threatening the Nilgiri Tahr (State Animal of Tamil Nadu): According to a recent study of Ecological Engineering.
- Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar launched the 'Paudhagiri' campaign to increase the green cover.
- Kerala Tourism Development Corporation (KTDC) Launches Country's 1st State-Run All-Woman Hotel named 'Hostess'.
- Odisha Government Launches 'Green Mahanadi Mission' by planting a sapling on the bank of river Mahanadi, to stop soil erosion on river banks and recharge the groundwater reserve.
- Regional Rail Training Institute inaugurated at Ghazipur, Uttar Pradesh.
- West Bengal Assembly Passes Resolution to Rename State as Bangla.

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

- UN Member States Approve USD 6.69 Billion for 13 Peacekeeping Operations.
- Antonio Guterres is the Secretary-General of the United States.
- The world's first digital art museum opened its doors to the public in Tokyo, Japan.

- **China** launched **two remote sensing satellites PRSS-1 and PakTes-1A of Pakistan** on board of Long March-2C rocket from Jiuquan Satellite Launch Centre.
- **The 17th World Sanskrit Conference, inaugurated by Human Resource Development Minister Prakash Javadekar, held at Vancouver, Canada.**
- **UN Environment Programme (UNEP) and Google** have entered into a **partnership, for monitoring the impacts of human activity on global ecosystems by using sophisticated online tools.**

NEW APPOINTMENTS

- **S Ramesh** appointed as **chairman of Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC).**
- **Anant Barua** appointed as a **whole-time member of the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI).**
- **Tayyip Erdogan Wins 2nd Term as President of Turkey.**
- **Janardan Singh Gehlot** was elected as the **president of the International Kabaddi Federation (IKF).**
- **Nasser Khan Janjua** resigns as **Pakistan's National Security Adviser.**
- **Justice Adarsh Kumar Goel** Appointed **NGT Chairperson.**
- **Payments Council Of India** Appoints **Vishwas Patel As New Chairman.**
- **Major General Jose Eladio Alcain** appointed as the **Head of the UN Military Observer Group in India, Pakistan.**
- **An Indian-American top White House lawyer, Uttam Dhillon** appointed **Head of Drug Enforcement Agency In US.**
- **Saraswati Prasad** appointed as **chairman and managing director of Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL).**
- **P K Shrivastava** appointed as the **new Director-General and Chairman of the Ordnance Factory Board.**

- **K B Vijay Srinivas** appointed **Director& GM** of **United India Insurance Company**.
- **State Bank of India (SBI)** has selected **Arijit Basu** as **Managing Director** of the **SBI**.
- **Dr. TCA Raghavan** was appointed as the **Director General (DG)** of **Indian Council of World Affairs (ICWA)**.
- **Brexit Secretary David Davis** has resigned from the **UK government**.
- **Mohammad Kaif** Announces **Retirement from Competitive Cricket**.
- **Dr. Sandeep Sancheti**, appointed as the **97th President** of the **Association of Indian Universities (AIU)**.
- **Jeremy Hunt** Appointed **New UK Foreign Secretary** after **Boris Johnson** resigned from the post.
- **Sun Pharma** signs **Akshay Kumar** as **brand ambassador** for **Revital H**.
- For the period of two years, **India** became **Vice-Chair** or **regional head** of **Asia Pacific Region** of the **World Customs Organisation (WCO)**
- **Brij Bhushan Saran Singh** to Be Named **India's Chef De Mission** at **Asian Games**.
- **Tata AIA** Appoints **Rishi Srivastava** as **CEO and MD**.
- **Justice Tahira Safdar** to be **first woman chief justice** of any court in **Pakistan**.
- **Pakistan's cricket legend Imran Khan** elected as the next **Prime Minister Pakistan**.

BANKING & ECONOMY

- **RBI** proposes **Board of Management** for all **urban co-op banks**, to protect the interests of depositors, overcome constraints imposed by dual regulation.
- **Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI)** has approved the proposal of acquiring a majority stake in the **IDBI bank** by **Life Insurance Corporation (LIC)**.
- **RBL Bank** has raised its stake in **Swadhaar Finserve Pvt. Ltd** to **100%** from **60.48%**.

- **The Export-Import Bank of India (Exim Bank) announced that it has extended \$10 million worth of line of credit (LOC) to Seychelles, for healthcare and procurement of goods and projects.**
- **According to BSE , Bajaj Finance overtook Axis Bank in market capitalization ranking**
- **HDFC Bank becomes Most Valuable Bank in Emerging Market Outside China.**
- **YES Bank Gets SEBI Nod To Launch Mutual Fund Business**
- **ICICI Bank's Mortgage Portfolio Crosses Rs1.5-Trillion, making it the largest private player in the segment.**
- **RBI Licences Bank Of China To Operate In India and this will be the second Chinese bank to be operating in the country.**
- **NABARD has sanctioned Rs 735.53 crore for West Bengal for facilitating the execution of 86 projects.**
- **LIC (Life Insurance Corporation) gets IRDAI's nod to buy stake in IDBI Bank.**
- **HDFC securities launched Mutual Funds transactions on Facebook messenger through Arya.**
- **Airtel Payments Bank Gets RBI Nod to resume Taking New Customers.**
- **India has become the 69th shareholder of the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD).**
- **RBI to Issue New 100 Rupee Notes in Lavender Colour and the back side features motif of "RANI KI VAV". The dimension of the new note is 66 mm × 142 mm.**
- **Jana Small Finance Bank announced the commercial launch of its banking operations. Ajay Kanwal is the MD and CEO.**
- **Jammu & Kashmir's first all-women branch of Jammu and Kashmir Bank was inaugurated.**
- **Piyush Goyal has approved an infusion of Rs 11,336 crore in five banks including for helping them meet the regulatory capital requirement.**
- **SBI and NABARD have joined hands to provide collateral-free credit through Joint Liability Groups (JLGs) in Telangana.**
- **SBI Organised Kisan Mela to Educate Farmers On Financial Literacy.**

- **16-member committee has constituted by Insurance Regulator Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI), to examine motor third party insurance pricing aspects, headed by IRDAI Member P.J. Joseph.**
- **Oxigen Announces a Strategic Partnership with Fincare Small Finance Bank to roll out the Branchless Banking services.**
- **SoftBank and Paytm partner to launch cashless payments service in Japan.**
- **Banks and Financial Institutions (FIs) have signed Inter-Creditor Agreement (ICA) aimed at faster resolution of stressed assets.**

RANKS, AWARDS & HONOURS

- **India was ranked 35th among 100 countries by Global Real Estate Transparency Index (GRETI).**
- **Nigeria Replaces India to Become World's Largest Poor Population** by the US-based think tank, Brookings.
- **Abu Dhabi, capital of the United Arab Emirates (UAE), has topped the list of "smart cities" in the Middle East and Africa,** according to the Abu Dhabi's Department of Culture and Tourism.
- **According to the Cost of Living Survey published by Mercer, Mumbai continues to be the most expensive city in India** to live in for expatriates, ahead of Washington and Melbourne.
- **North Korea as one of the "worst human trafficking nations"** for the 16th straight year, citing the use of forced labour categorised by The US State Department.
- **Michael Ondaatje's bestselling novel 'The English Patient'** was announced as the winner of the Golden Man Booker Prize at the Southbank Centre in London.
- **According to Study by OAG, Mumbai Airport Among Least Punctual Airports in The World.**
- **9th Heads of Mission Conference was held in New Delhi;** the theme was 'Unprecedented Outreach: Unparalleled Outcomes'.

- **9th Meeting of EPG on Indo-Nepal Relations Concludes in Kathmandu.**
- **NITI Aayog to Organise India's First Global Mobility Summit in New Delhi.**
- **Global Innovation Index (GII) 2018, India was ranked 57th among 130 countries, Top 3 countries are Switzerland, Netherlands, Sweden.**
- **India has become world's sixth-largest economy** according to updated World Bank figures on GDP for 2017.
- **Michael Ondaatje's bestselling novel 'The English Patient' was announced as the winner of the Golden Man Booker Prize.**
- **Mukesh Ambani Dethrones Alibaba's Jack Ma as Asia's Richest Person.**
- **Carnatic Vocalist Aruna Sairam Selected for 2018 Sangita Kalanidhi Award for her contribution to Carnatic music.**
- **8 years old Indian-origin school boy Ishwar Sharma, who is the under-11 UK national yoga champion has been named the 'British Indian of the Year' in the young achiever category.**
- **According to the US-based Institute for Energy Economics and Financial Analysis (IEEFA) report, Karnataka top in renewable energy generation.**
- **India Heritage Walk Festival, has been awarded the PATA Gold Award 2018.**
- **Poet Ramakanta Rath was conferred with Atibadi Jagannath Das Samman for 2018, Odisha's highest literary award.**

SPORTS

- **Indian shooter Saurabh Chaudhary win a gold medal in the ISSF Junior World Cup in Suhl, Germany.**
- **Swimmer Swadesh Mondal created a national record at the 45th Glenmark Junior and 35th Sub Junior National Aquatic Championships in Pune, Maharashtra.**
- **Gymnast Dipa Karmakar clinched a gold medal in the vault event of FIG Artistic Gymnastics World Challenge Cup at Mersin in Turkey.**

- **ICC (International Cricket Council) Introduces Stricter Sanctions for Ball-Tampering.**
- **Union Sports Minister Rajyavardhan Singh Rathore** announced that the **Sports Authority of India (SAI)** has been renamed as **Sports India**.
- **Red Bull's Max Verstappen** won the **Austrian Grand Prix 2018** title in **Austria**.
- **Australia Wins Hockey Champions Trophy Final 2018** at **Breda**, the **Netherlands**.
- **Angelique Kerber Wins Maiden Wimbledon Title.**
- **Indian runner Hima Das** created history by **becoming the first-ever Indian woman to win an athletics gold in the women's 400m event at the IAAF World U20 Championship in Tampere, Finland.**
- **India's gymnast Dipa Karmakar** clinched a **gold medal in FIG Artistic Gymnastics World Challenge Cup at Mersin, Turkey.**
- **Indian lifter Jhilli Dalabehera** has bagged the **bronze medal lifted 167 kg in the 48 kg category, in the 2018 IWF Junior World Weightlifting Championships at Tashkent, Uzbekistan.**
- **France has won 2018 FIFA World Cup Football** by defeating **Croatia**, held at the **Luzhniki Stadium in Moscow, Russia.**
- **Alisson Becker of Brazil has become the World's most expensive goalkeeper.**
- **Javelin thrower Neeraj Chopra** has clinched a **gold medal at the Sotteville Athletics Meet in France.**
- **Japan's Nozomi Okuhara Beats PV Sindhu to Win Thailand Open 2018.**
- **Spain's Marc Marquez Wins German Grand Prix.**
- **Indian Wrestler Vinesh Phogat** won **gold at the Spanish Grand Prix in Madrid.**
- **Indian Women's Compound Archery Team Reaches World Rank 1.**
- **Lewis Hamilton Wins German Grand Prix at Hockenheimring track in Germany.**
- **The Tokyo 2020 Organising Committee** officially launched its **Olympic mascots 'Miraitowa'** and **Paralympic mascot 'Someity.'**
- **Kathleen Baker** set a **world record to win the 100m backstroke at the US swimming championships**

SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

- For promoting suitable techniques for cleaning sewers and septic tanks, Union Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (**MoUHA**) has launched **"Technology Challenge: Identifying solutions for cleaning of Sewerage Systems and Septic Tanks"** to eliminate human intervention in cleaning of sewers and septic tanks.
- **BSNL** through its mobile app **'Wings'** launched **India's first internet telephony service to make calls to any phone number, domestic or international.**
- **Flipkart and Hotstar Join Hands for Ad Platform.**
- **The European Union** regulators have **slapped Google** with a record approx. **5 billion euro (\$5 billion)** antitrust fine for **abusing the dominance of its Android mobile operating system.**
- **Flipkart's PhonePe Acquires POS Platform Zopper Retail.**
- **Microsoft and Walmart Team Up to Take On Amazon** in both technology and retail.
- **Bharti Infratel and Indus Tower Merger Deal Gets SEBI Nod.**
- **Google teams up with Accenture** to help enterprises move to Cloud.
- **Google Unveils Two New AI Chips Edge TPU and Cloud IoT Edge**, aimed at helping customers develop and deploy intelligent connected devices at scale.

OBITUARIES

- **South African Indian cinema mogul Moosa** passes away.
- **Punjab Congress leader Surinder Singla** passes away.
- **The Paris-born dancer, actor, and singer, Tony Award winner Liliane Montevercchi,** passed away.
- **Ex Navy chief Admiral JG Nadkarni** Passed away.
- **Spiritual leader Dada Vaswani** passed away.
- **Kannada poet M.N. Vyasa Rao** passes away.



- Senior journalist Kalpesh Yagnik passed away.
- Ramchandra Singhdeo, former and first Finance Minister of Chhattisgarh, passed away.
- Hindi poet Gopal Das Neeraj passed away.
- Actor Rita Bhaduri passed away.
- Kannada poet and film song lyricist M.N. Vyasa Rao passed away.
- The world's oldest person, a 117-year-old Japanese woman, Chiyo Miyako has died.
- Veteran Sports Journalist Swapan Sarkar Passes Away.
- Former Kerala Minister Cherkallam Abdullah passes away.

IMPORTANT DAYS

July 1 - Doctor's Day

July 2 - World UFO Day

July 4 - American Independence Day

July 7 - International Day of Cooperatives

July 11 - World Population Day

July 17 - World Day for International Justice

July 18 - Mandela Day

July 26 - Kargil Victory Day

July 27 - Central Reserve Police Force Foundation Day

July 28 - World Hepatitis Day